

KRA Newsletter

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ABOUT KRA

Since 1977, the Kensington Residents' Association has been promoting community and protecting heritage in Kensington. The establishment of Borthwick Park, tree-lined streets and the preservation of our pool and heritage buildings are amongst our achievements.

This newsletter is published and distributed by the KRA.

We welcome your contributions.

Email ideas, articles, news and photographs to:

contact@kra.org.au or post items to:
42 Regent St, Kensington SA 5068.

Find out what's happening in the village of Kensington.

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Join you neighbours.
Become a member of KRA.

The fee is \$10 per person or household each year. Join for one, two or five years.

To join, we need your details:

Name, Address, Email, Phone and Number of people joining.

Email, post or phone your details to:
KRA secretary, Andrew Dyson:

42 Regent St,
Kensington SA 5068

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Peter Duffy, KRA President

As we approach the AGM, it's a good time to give some thought to how we might contribute to our local community.

We really are most fortunate to live in Kensington, with all the charm of our historic village environment, while still close enough to the city with its particular attractions.

Early this year we surveyed the community to determine what was important to us all.

By far, the strongest response was that functions and events, which added to the "community spirit", were most important to the Kensington community. The health and safety issues around Covid put paid to a full program, but it's the KRA Committee's intention to run a number of functions next year.

The September Pizza in the Park event was a great success, even with an unseasonal downpour and we look forward to similarly popular functions next year. Perhaps you've got an idea for an event that you would like to help organise? Please let us know.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Peter Duffy
KRA President

KRA 2020 AGM

Our 2020 AGM will be held on
Wednesday 18th November at 7:30pm.
Please note a change of venue from the last few years. This year it will be held at the Bethany Centre, within the Mary MacKillop Precinct,
St Joseph's Convent:
4 High St, Kensington (follow the signs).

Guest Speaker Cr Fay Patterson is an engineer and will discuss various ways that we may retain water for our street trees and gardens rather than having it flow down our stormwater system, polluting our creeks, the River Torrens and the Gulf.

Come along to elect your local representatives for 2021, share views on life in Kensington, meet fellow residents, and enjoy some wine and a lovely supper in a Covid safe environment.



Photo credit, Waldemar Brandt

PLANNING UPDATE

The new Minister for Planning, our current local member the Hon Vicki Chapman MP, recently announced that there will be an additional short public consultation period on the Draft Planning and Design Code later this year and the implementation of the Code has been delayed until the first quarter of next year. That's great news for local residents who want to see good urban design principles and the protection of heritage areas.

To keep up to date, join the association or send us an email to get on the mailing list.

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BORTHWICK PARK BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

We started the transformation of Borthwick Park in 2010 with some native plantings along the bank of Second Creek. Since then we have seen regular annual planting and ongoing vital maintenance by our fabulous volunteers: weeding, mulching, pruning and summer watering. New planting now focuses on increasing diversity and replacement while ensuring plenty of space remains for ball games.

Our work has been recognised with awards by Council and by the Civic Awards Trust and now the park is a natural haven for walkers, mums and dads with toddlers and dog lovers alike. After ten years of community involvement this Borthwick Park Biodiversity Project is now listed officially as a Council Volunteer project.

This mature project offers volunteers:

- an enjoyable outdoor revegetation project in magnificent Borthwick Park.



Borthwick Park - 2011 (photo credit KRA)



Borthwick Park - 2020 (photo credit KRA)

- meeting new friends as we plant, prune, mulch, weed and water at one of our regular scheduled events.
- the opportunity to work alone as a Borthwick Park Champion or with a friend on your own patch at a time that suits you.
- involvement in one off projects like making bird and bat boxes
- involvement in administering the project, for example organising plant lists or new plant signage.
- making a visible difference to a much-loved park in our community.
- great morning teas!
- acknowledgement of your work by Council and training opportunities.

Join us at one of our regular mornings in the park! You'll be most welcome; and if you haven't done so already, please register for our project at: www.npsp.sa.gov.au/our_community/volunteering/register_your_interest

IS THE COMMUNITY IMPORTANT TO YOU?

*5 ways to get involved!
(from hardly at all to regularly)*

1. Just chat! Tell us what is important to you around Kensington; schools, trees, traffic, heritage, anything! Send us news of upcoming events, historic articles, photos...anything you think is of local interest.

2. Volunteer now and then. Join our Borthwick Park or Pioneer Park teams, join our catering group, contribute to social media or distribute our newsletter.

3. Lead a one-off project that's important to you. In the past we've had art displays and coordinated garage sales, pizza in the park as well as petitions about issues of importance to Kensington. What about helping older people with shopping, running a book club, organising a street party or happy hour, whatever floats your boat!

4. Contribute your special expertise. Friends of the KRA bring expertise to all sorts of specialist projects, planning, computer skills, social media, art projects, writing history, submissions, surveys, grant applications. Tell us about yourself and what you can offer your community.

5. Serve on the Committee. Attend monthly meetings and help shape our community.

Please express your interest in the form below.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Yes, I'm interested in getting involved. (please tick)

Name: _____

Email/Contact information: _____

My areas of interest are: _____

Say more if you like by attaching a sheet or emailing us direct at contact@kra.org.au

Please contact me to have a chat. Yes No (please tick)



A PICTURE OF KENSINGTON

(according to the 2016 census)

People and homes

There were 1769 people living in 1007 homes (1.9 people per household).

- The median age was 42 years.
- 57.4% were female
- 42.6% were male.
- There were 403 families.
- Children aged 0 - 14 years made up 12.8% of the population and people aged 65 years and over made up 21.5% of the population.
- 63.2% of people were born in Australia.
- The most common other countries of birth were England 5.8%, China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) 4.3%, Italy 2.8%, India 2.2% and Malaysia 1.7%.
- Of the 1007 homes, 89.2% were occupied and 10.8% were unoccupied.
- Of the occupied homes 20.3% were owned outright, 21.8% were owned with a mortgage and 50.1% were rented.

Education

- 598 (38.8%) had a bachelor's degree or above (compared with 18.5% nationally).
- 31.7% of people were attending an educational institution. Of these, 23.2% were in primary school, 15.1% in secondary school and 38.9% in a tertiary or technical institution.

Work

- 881 people were working.
- Of these the most common occupations included Professionals 35.8%, Managers 13.1%, Clerical and Administrative Workers 12.6%, Community and Personal Service Workers 11.5%, and Technicians and Trades Workers 8.3%.

PIZZA IN THE PARK

Neighbours gathering in beautiful Borthwick Park with food and drinks felt like a perfect way to bid farewell to Winter and welcome Spring to Kensington. In typical Spring style, we had gorgeous weather, blustery winds, and a downpour all in the space of four hours. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the attendees, nor the fire in the pizza oven lent to us by PGH Bricks and Pavers. We lost count somewhere along the way, but think about 70 pizzas were baked all up.

Many thanks to Vic and Nick for assembling the pizzas. It wouldn't have worked as well as it did without you. Suggestions for what the event should be for the transition from Spring to Summer are gladly received!

Peter and Karloskar



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KENSINGTON & NORWOOD POOL NOW OPEN!



Kensington & Norwood Pool - Photo by KRA

Don't forget to make a splash at our local pool, which is now open for the summer season! Set amongst the gum trees, our heritage-listed pool is located at the southern end of Phillips Street past the Mary MacKillop school.

Parking is available on Phillips Street (off Portrush Rd) or in the Mary MacKillop car park. See the Council's website for more details.
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KENSINGTON CROSSWORD

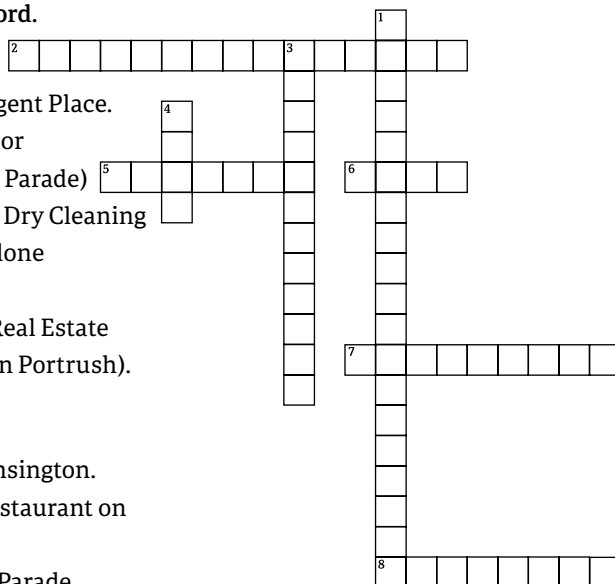
Go for a walk to find the answers to this very local crossword.

Across

2. A Kindergarten on Regent Place.
5. Fill in: _____ Taylor
(an accountant on the Parade)
6. Fill in: _____ Chehade Dry Cleaning
7. A park the KRA have done a lot of work on.
8. Fill in: _____ SA Real Estate
(a real estate agency on Portrush).

Down

1. A new museum in Kensington.
3. A popular Nepalese restaurant on the Parade.
4. A popular cafe on the Parade.



Ruby is a Kensington resident and student at Marryatville High School. Each quarter, Ruby creates this crossword. Thanks Ruby for encouraging us to notice all that is around us. Others, please send in contributions for our next Newsletter - puzzles, local news or fun facts - to contact@kra.org.au

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas Carols in Kensington.

Come and join us singing and spreading good cheer in the streets of Kensington on Monday the 14th of December.

We gather at 6:45 pm with a brief tune up in the small park opposite the Kensington Hotel in Thornton Street before heading off at 7:00 pm to various locations in the area arriving for the final carols of the night at The Rising Sun Inn at approximately 8:30 pm.

Join us for all or part of the evening. Children are very welcome.

If you would like us to sing outside your home, please contact our Secretary.



KRA MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL

Name[s]: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2021 KRA Membership: New or Renewal (If unsure of your membership status contact our Secretary.)	1 year membership fee (\$ 10)	\$
	2 year membership fee (\$ 20)	\$
	5 year membership fee (\$ 50)	\$

Payment may be made by cheque, cash or direct deposit.

Note: If paying by direct deposit you must provide us with full details as above so that we can process your membership.

Bank details: **BSB 805 050. Account No: 2350031.** Account Name: **Kensington Residents**

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Membership Register updated: _____ Email list updated: _____

Please tear off the completed slip for our secretary: *Andrew Dyson, 42 Regent Street, Kensington SA 5068.*
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